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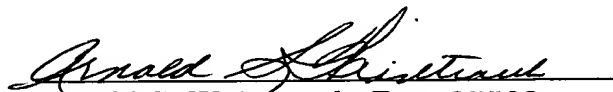
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment appended hereto is a complete listing of all the claims present in this application, including the cancelled claims 1 through 6. Thus, it is believed that a complete listing of the claims is now present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A balancing disc for balancing the gait of a user, comprising:

a substantially rigid, circular, wedge member having a continuous planar upper surface and a continuous planar lower surface, the upper and lower surfaces being angularly inclined with respect to each other by an angle  $\theta$  of about  $2^\circ$  to about  $6^\circ$  the disc being attachable to a footwear item for imparting proper weight distribution and balance to the user.

8. (Original) The balancing disc of claim 7 wherein the disc is formed of a substantially non-compressible solid material selected from the group consisting of leather, rubber or plastic.